

2. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 1, wherein said main container body comprises at least 20% of glass in the glass product.

C2 3. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 1, wherein said main container body comprises at least 60% of glass in the glass product.

4. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 1, wherein said axis of said main container body and said axis of said collar form an angle between 60° and 180°.

5. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 4, wherein said axis of said main container body and said axis of said collar form an angle between 90° and 150°.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 9-15 are presently pending in this application, Claims 9-15 having been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, and Claims 1-5 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hall (U.S. Patent 246,879); and Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by McCarron (U.S. Patent 964,044).

Claims 1-5 have been amended herein. These claim amendments find support in the original specification, claims and drawings. For example, amended Claims 1-5 are supported by Figure 7. Hence, Claims 1-5 are not believed to raise a question of new matter.

Briefly, Claim 1 of the present invention is directed to a glass product including a main container body, at least one secondary container body connected to the main container body, and a collar interposed between and communicating with the main container body and

at least one secondary container body, the collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of the main container body main container body.

The outstanding Office Action asserts that Hall and McCarron disclose a drinking flask and a bottle, respectively, as recited in Claim 1. Nevertheless, neither Hall nor McCarron teaches a collar interposed between and communicating with the main container body and at least one secondary container body, the collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of the main container body main container body, as recited in Claim 1. On the other hand, Hall and McCarron disclose a product having the only one container body (H), 1 onto which the neck (N), 3 is provided with a collar at the end of the neck (N), 3. Hence, the structure recited in Claim 1 is distinguishable from Hall and McCarron, and thus is not anticipated thereby.

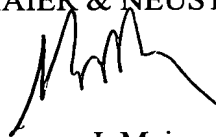
Because neither Hall nor McCarron discloses the collar as recited in Claim 1, even the combined teachings of these applied references would not render the structure recited in Claim 1 obvious.

For the foregoing reasons, Claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Furthermore, since Claims 2-5 ultimately depend from Claim 1, substantially the same arguments set forth above are also applicable to these dependent claims. Hence, Claims 2-5 are believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the amendments and discussions presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-5 as follows:

--1. (Thrice Amended) A glass product comprising:

a main container body [having a main part]; [and]

at least one secondary container body connected to the main container body [part]; and

a collar [formed on] interposed between and communicating with said main container body and at least one secondary container body, said collar having an axis not parallel to an axis of said main container body [part,

wherein said collar is not formed at end portions of said main and at least one secondary parts].

2. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 1, wherein said main [part of said] container body comprises at least 20% of glass in the glass product.

3. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 1, wherein said main [part of said] container body comprises at least 60% of glass in the glass product.

4. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 1, wherein said axis of said main [part] container body and said axis of said collar form an angle between 60° and 180°.

5. (Twice Amended) The glass product of Claim 4, wherein said axis of said main [part of said] container body and said axis of said collar form an angle between 90° and 150°.--